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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (105-13068)

(3)
DATE: 2/26/64

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (105-11366)

JUNE

SUBJECT: WALTER HENRYK DUDA
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Reurlet 3/16/64.

The Bureau agrees with the observations in relet concerning coverage of subject. These measures should, of course, be implemented with scrupulous attention to insure maximum security.

In view of the references to confidential investigative techniques in relet, it is being designated as "June" and should be so treated in your office.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (65-6984)

DATE: 1/21/63

FROM : Director, FBI (65-65884)

SUBJECT: SAM SURVEY
ESPIONAGE - R

Reurlet 1/11/63 advising that UACB the program would be resumed on 2/5/63 in your office and would operate on a five-day basis from Tuesday through Saturday.

A review of this file shows that this program has been operating in your office since August, 1961, with the exception of the Christmas periods of 1961 and 1962. To date, no Soviet illegal agents have been identified or located as a result of your operation. In view of the heavy demands placed on the espionage squad of your office as set out in your airtel of 11/15/62 and in view of the unproductivity of the operation to date, the Bureau feels that it should not be reinstituted in your office. You should continue the investigation of any cases currently pending in your office which arose from Sam Survey and attempt to bring them to a logical conclusion.

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Letter to Los Angeles
RE: WALTER HENRYK DUDA
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San Diego should endeavor to obtain copies of all of subject's letters to Mrs. Stowe in order that the exact statements of the subject and the pertinent dates will be available for preparation of the eventual interview with him. Some plausible reason for wanting this correspondence can be given to Mrs. Stowe as for example that it may give an interesting insight into conditions in Poland during this period. (c)

If he has been recruited, the subject is possibly not yet operational but he may be communicating with his principal in Poland through a mail drop in Poland. Los Angeles should immediately submit its recommendation regarding mail cover on subject. When subject is interviewed, he should be questioned about his relatives and friends and what reports he has received from them concerning developments in Poland since his departure. If he fails to volunteer information concerning one of his correspondents, it may be an indication that this is his mail drop. (S)

It is noted that in a letter to Mrs. Stowe on 9/25/58 the subject stated that he was not a member of the Polish Communist Party (PZPR), but admitted membership in October, 1960, when applying for a U. S. visa. When the subject is interviewed the circumstances of his joining the PZPR should be explored. (S)

New York should promptly furnish results of its further contact with CSNY 3581-S.

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instigated the charges concerning cement production in order to put pressure upon him; that in March, 1960, subject may have agreed to cooperate with the PIS and that in April, 1960, the charges were disposed of by dropping the serious charges, sentencing him to six months on a minor charge and giving him two years probation as a further hold over him. This reconstruction of what may have happened is, of course, merely tentative. (S)

Subject was reportedly in prison from April until October, 1960, and yet he wrote at least one letter to Mrs. Stowe during this period. If he was not cooperating with the PIS, it seems unlikely that he would have been permitted to send a letter from prison to a person in the U. S. with whom he was negotiating to get out of Poland. (S)

On 10/22/61 subject stated the U. S. Embassy had asked him to apply for Polish passports for himself and his family and on 11/13/61 he said their passports had been obtained. Since the normal waiting period for Polish passports is four months for persons with clear records, it appears that there must have been some intervention on his behalf in order for him to obtain these passports so quickly. (C)

The information developed thus far tends to indicate that the subject is identical with the individual named by CSNY 3581-S. The evidencing of anticommunist sympathies by the subject since his arrival in the U. S. is merely what might be expected of a recruited PIS agent. This case may present, therefore, an excellent opportunity to penetrate Polish intelligence. (C)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: 11/29/62

FROM : Director, FBI (105-111366)

SUBJECT: WALTER HENRYK DUDA
IS - PO

Re San Diego report of 11/13/62.

The fact that Mrs. Gardner Stowe, who assisted subject to come to the U. S., has retained all of his letters to her may be very helpful in this case. It could probably be presumed that the subject's correspondence was examined at least on some occasions by the Polish Intelligence Service (PIS). On 11/16/59 the subject mentioned in one of his letters that it would be easy to get an entry permit (into the U. S.) from Germany; his statements in this letter may have indicated that he was considering an escape or illegal departure from Poland and may have alerted the PIS to take action concerning him. On 4/25/60 he was sentenced by the Polish Court to six months' imprisonment and two years' probation for producing substandard cement. The investigation of the subject with respect to this charge undoubtedly covered several weeks preceding 4/25/60. It will be recalled that CSNY 3581-S reported that subject was recruited by the PIS about 3/20/60. It appears quite possible that between November, 1959, and March, 1960, the PIS may have studied his case; that the matter was brought to a head when he received notice from the U. S. Embassy in Warsaw on 3/2/60 that favorable action was anticipated on his U. S. visa application; that the PIS thereupon

- 2 - San Diego (105-4559)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : SAC, Los Angeles ² (65-6984)

DATE: 11/23/62

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (65-65884)

SUBJECT: SAM SURVEY
ESPIONAGE - R

Reurairtel 11/15/62 advising that in order to properly utilize the manpower in your office on current espionage cases the Sam Survey was discontinued as of midnight 11/17/62. Reairtel pointed out that consideration would be given on 12/4/63 to the reinstitution of this program.

Inasmuch as the Christmas rush is currently beginning, you are authorized to discontinue the Sam Survey program in your office. You should thoroughly reanalyze the situation after the Christmas rush has been completed and submit your recommendations to the Bureau no later than 1/15/63 concerning the reinstitution of this program in your office.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-7236)

DATE: 10/12/62

FROM : ASAC H. A. ONSGARD

SUBJECT: VICTOR JAMES KORDEL
ESP - R

DON MOORE, SOG, at 11:10 a.m., 10/12/62, advised that the Bureau had received an airtel in captioned case stating that it was desired that the P. O. Inspector be contacted as to a Gus and Sam type survey. MOORE stated he did not know exactly what was desired, and he said that the next time the office calls the Bureau if they will advise him over the phone as to the details, then he will give an oral answer regarding this.

*Mr. Don Moore
gave verbal approval
via telephone 10-15-62*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : SAC, Los Angeles (65-6984)

DATE: 2-13-62

FROM : Director, FBI (65-65884)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SUBJECT: SAM SURVEY
ESPIONAGE - R

Reurlet 1-30-62 which advised that this program can be extended to include air mail directed to Mexico City D. F., Mexico.

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You are authorized to extend your coverage to include Mexico City in the program. Furnish to the Bureau by 4-1-62 the results of the program conducted in your office from its inception to date. Summary should include all data concerning operation of the program, including Mexico City phase of it and should include number of items handled, number of cases opened and closed and number of Agents used during program. You should also include your recommendation for future operation of the program.

For the information of Mexico City, this case concerns information received from a highly confidential source which is in a position to furnish details concerning certain individuals directing air mail from the US to specified European countries, Tokyo, Japan, and other points in the Far East. Due to the extremely confidential nature of the investigative technique involved, this matter should be held closely within your office and correspondence pertaining to it should be maintained in the most secure manner available.

Legat, Mexico City, should obtain the information requested by the LAO promptly. In obtaining this information, Legat, Mexico City, should utilize only established sources and should not inform these sources of the purpose of the investigation.

Enclosed is copy of LA 1-30-62 let for NY and Mexico.

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- 2 - Mexico City (Enc.)

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Date: 10-20-61

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To: SACs Los Angeles - Enclosure
Seattle

From: Director, FBI

SAM SURVEY
ESPIONAGE - R

SA James C. Cadigan will arrive Los Angeles 2:35 P.M., 10/25/61, via UAL Flight 869/853, to give a two-day training course in chamfering on 10/26-27/61.

It is noted that Los Angeles has two of the special steaming units (photograph attached) used in this work and it is assumed that they are available and in operating condition. A third unit will be brought by SA Cadigan.

Los Angeles provide secure room of sufficient size to accomodate fifteen men and have the following SA's available for training:

Eugene E. Schmitt
Richard J. Dobens
Harold E. Newpher
William C. Patterson
Richard K. Schwab
Harry H. Whidbee
Allen F. Frei

Roger S. C. Wolcott
William L. McDermott
John K. Anderson
Frank E. Chovanec
James H. Hoose, Jr.
Charles J. Nagle, Jr.

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10-24-61
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It is believed that two additional chamfering trained Agents are sufficient for Seattle at this time. Seattle have SA's Lambert G. Zander and Philip T. Basher report to Los Angeles by 9:00 A.M., 10/26/61, for training.

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Director, FBI (65-65364)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SAN SURVEY
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet 3/14/61 authorizing the institution of this program in your Office.

The Bureau desires to have three Agents from your Office and four Agents from the Los Angeles Office trained in chapering. These Agents will be in addition to those Agents presently in both Offices who have received or are receiving this training. The training will be given in the Los Angeles Office by a representative of the FBI Laboratory who will travel to Los Angeles for this purpose.

You and the SAC, Los Angeles should submit to the Bureau the names of the Agents recommended to receive this training. Both Offices will be advised concerning the time of the training and the approval of the Agents recommended by both Offices.

2 - Los Angeles (65-6984) (PERSONAL ATTENTION)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Los Angeles

DATE: March 24, 1961

FROM : Director, FBI

JUNESUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO DETECT SOVIET ILLEGAL
AGENTS IN LOS ANGELES AREA
ESPIONAGE - R

Reurlet 3-16-61.

The Bureau has no objection to your office conducting a preliminary survey to determine the feasibility of establishing a proper contact with the U. S. Postal Inspectors in Los Angeles in connection with this matter. During this survey you will undoubtedly ascertain the volume of airmail going to various countries from Los Angeles.

The Bureau does not desire at this time for you to make any request to institute special type coverage. In the past, any coverage of this nature has required contact by the Bureau at postal headquarters and postal authorities have been cooperative. We recently requested and received approval for certain additional special coverage and in view of this fact we do not desire to make any additional request at this time.

Also for your information the Bureau contemplates discussing this type of coverage at the Internal Security-Espionage Conference scheduled for May 8 and 9, 1961, which will be attended by representatives of your office. Los Angeles is one of several airmail facilities handling mail to foreign countries and it is anticipated the results of your survey will be of interest to others attending the conference. You are requested to conduct this survey promptly and furnish the results to the Bureau with any recommendations you may have.

The New York Office has had considerable experience in this field and may be in a position to offer suggestions should special coverage of this nature be instituted by your office at a later date; therefore, a copy of this letter is being designated for the New York Office with a copy of referenced letter and a copy of your letter to the Bureau submitting the results of your survey should also be furnished New York.

1 - New York (Enclosure)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-13068-A) DATE: 4/16/64

FROM : SA HOMER A. PORTER, JR.

SUBJECT: WALTER HENRYK DUDA
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On 4/15/64 Postal Inspector WILLIAM LANGSTON, Riverside, California, advised he had made arrangement with the mail carriers who delivered mail to DUDA, 2682 7th St., Riverside, so that in the event subject places mail on his own mail box to be picked up, that the Postal Inspector will be advised. LANGSTON will in turn advise the Squad 6 Agent who is in Riverside at that time.

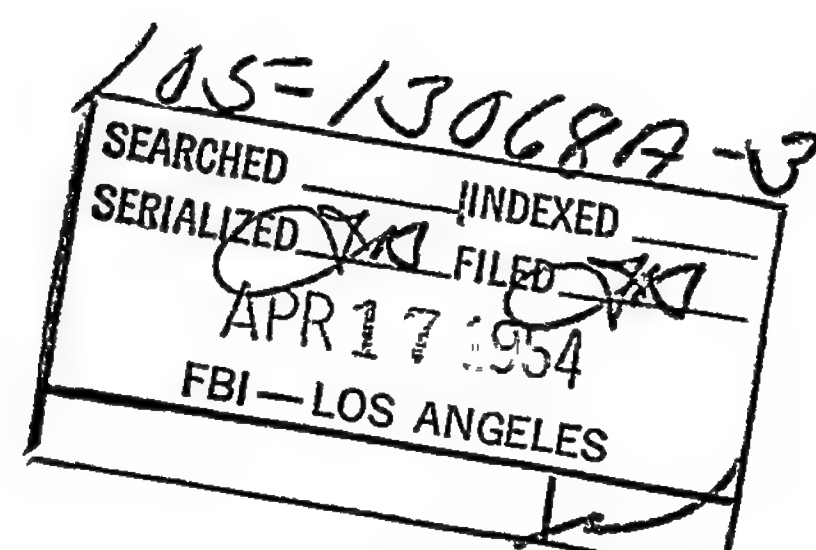
LANGSTON ascertained from the mail carrier that mail had been delivered within the past week to another man at the DUDA residence. The mail carrier could not recall the name of this individual but believed the name was Polish.

LANGSTON also advised that he would have available in the near future a list of all mail boxes in Riverside with the pickup times listed thereon.

In the event subject or subject's wife mail a letter in any box, the Agent is to obtain the location of the box, check the list for the next pickup time and call Postal Inspector LANGSTON, who will then have a collection made of that box and the mail will be available in the office of the Postal Inspector.

Inspector LANGSTON also advised that for the time-being the outgoing air mail which is dispatched approximately 11:55 a.m. will be available sometime after 10:15 a.m. and either he or his secretary will cause the necessary trays of outgoing air mail to be brought to the Inspector's office. They will be available for checking there. Arrangements for only one outgoing dispatch have been made.

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SAC, San Diego

6/19/62

Director, FBI

WALTER HENRYK DUDA
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Enclosed for each office is a copy of a self-explanatory letter from CIA dated 6/1/62 together with a copy of a State Department name check request concerning the subject dated 1/4/61. For your information the information set forth in paragraph 4 of the CIA letter was obtained from a Polish defector who is now being contacted by the New York Office under #CSNY 3581-S.

San Diego should obtain a photograph of the subject and complete background information from INS records and furnish same to New York.

New York should ascertain from CSNY 3581-S whether the subject is identical with the ex-opted worker of the Polish Intelligence Service (UB).

If the subject is not identical with this individual San Diego need not conduct any further investigation under Section 105E, Manual of Instructions, in view of the subject's age and the fact that he was accompanied to the U. S. by his wife and son. If identity is established, he should be interviewed along the lines provided for in Section 105E.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-13068) (P)



WALTER HENRYK DUDA
IS - PO

OO: LA

Re NY let to Bureau 3/10/64.

A review of instant file, including referenced communication, reflects subject has communicated with two accommodation addresses for PSS, namely STEFAN STEFANSKI and WALERY CIESLINSKI. Subject has admitted forwarding materials to these two individuals and CSNY 3581-S has identified them as real persons whose function is to turn over letters mailed to them by PSS sources and workers outside of Poland.

It also appears that DUDA may well receive a personal contact in the near future. Subject has stated he "may possibly be contacted after two years." CSNY 3581-S has stated this probably means a personal contact.

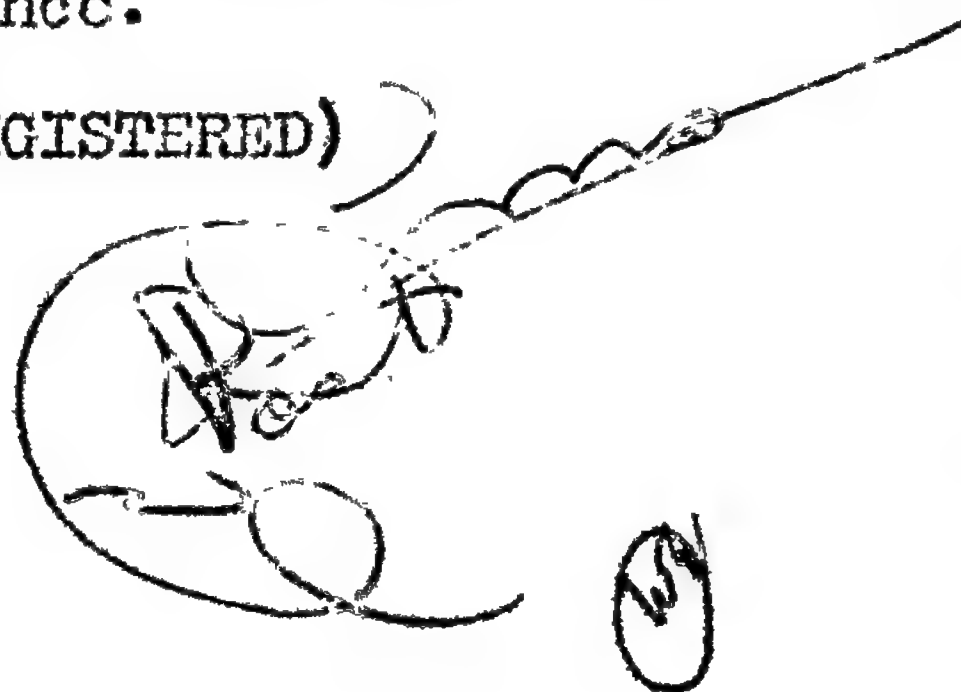
Los Angeles deems the following desirable;

(1) Ascertaining identity and addresses of persons to whom subject is corresponding. This would include ascertaining complete messages of pertinent communications to known or suspected accommodation addresses in Poland.

(2) Ascertaining text of communications and identifying post cards subject may receive from accommodation addresses in Poland or a third country.

(3) Ascertaining, by means of a plant and/or appropriate surveillance, if subject actually receives a personal contact. This means would also be utilized in the event it becomes desirable, with prior Bureau authority, to develop an anonymous source at subject's residence.

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(4) Developing a reliable source at the place of employment of subject who could keep the Los Angeles Office advised of travel, vacation plans, hobbies and unusual activities of DUDA.

All of the above would be subject to maximum security being maintained.

In connection with items 1 and 2 above, the Bureau is requested to grant permission to contact an extremely reliable source in the Postal Inspector's Office, Los Angeles. This source in the past has rendered valuable assistance in the Sam Survey Program recently functioning in the Los Angeles Office.

1340 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California 90017
September 30, 1964

Mr. J. G. Hudson
Assistant Inspector in Charge
P.O. Box 751
Los Angeles, California 90053

Dear Mr. Hudson:

Reference is made to my requests for mail covers concerning Vasiliy Andreyevich Volkov, 3580 East 54th Street, Maywood, California, dated September 4, 1964, and Walter Henryk Duda, 2682 7th Street, Riverside, California, dated September 28, 1964.

Please be advised that your office should discontinue this coverage. No acknowledgement is necessary.

Your continued cooperation in matters of this nature is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

WESLEY G. GRAPP
Special Agent in Charge

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4/10/61

SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6984)

J U N E

PROPOSAL TO DETECT SOVIET ILLEGAL
AGENTS IN LOS ANGELES AREA
ESPIONAGE - R

ReBulet 3/24/61.

Mr. LEWIS H. STODDARD, Assistant Postal Inspector, Los Angeles, California, was contacted regarding this program on 3/29/61 and 4/5/61. These contacts were handled by Field Supervisor NEAL MC GINNIS and SA JAMES H. HOOSE, JR. and on 4/5/61, SAC W. G. SIMON also met with Mr. STODDARD.

Mr. STODDARD is in charge of the local Postal Inspector's office, with a staff of fifteen men and has the title of Assistant Postal Inspector, as the division head office is in San Francisco, California. The San Francisco division covers the States of California, Nevada, Hawaii and the trust territories. Mr. NELSON E. POE is the Postal Inspector in charge of the San Francisco division and he has a deputy inspector under him. However, as previously indicated, Mr. STODDARD is the man in direct charge of the Los Angeles office.

Mr. STODDARD mentioned that the Los Angeles postal facilities are second in size only to those of New York City. There are Air Mail Facilities (AMF) at Seattle, San Francisco, Denver and Los Angeles. However, Los Angeles is the collection point for air mail destined for the Scandinavian countries originating in any of the Far Western States. This is based on the fact that Scandinavian Airline System (SAS) flies direct to Scandinavia from Los Angeles and does not have any flights originating in any of the previously mentioned AMF cities.

No request for special coverage was made of Mr. STODDARD; however, he has been very friendly with this Office and during these two contacts in particular, he was very helpful and cordial. He stated he would assist this Office in any way possible regarding any investigative problem that might be encountered. It is believed the program could be successfully put into operation.

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The Los Angeles AMF - Foreign Unit is presently located at 5741 West 98th Street, Los Angeles, about one mile from the Los Angeles International Airport. The airport is being enlarged and modernized. New administrative and airline service buildings are under construction. The main airport administration building and the United Airlines building will be open by the end of June 1961. It is expected that all other airline passenger service buildings will be completed by December 1961. At this time it is not definitely known where the new Post Office facility will be located. Mr. STODDARD was of the opinion a new postal building will be constructed on the site of the present main parking lot, but for some time present facilities will be used.

Following is the air mail letter class traffic outgoing from the Los Angeles AMF for the week of 3/12-18/61, which was destined for Scandinavian countries. Mr. STODDARD stated this was a typical week, that it is based on poundage records of the carriers involved and that the Post Office figures there are 290 air mail letters to the pound.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Poundage (Letters)</u>	<u>Departure Time</u>	<u>Carrier</u>
Monday	160 (46,400)	11:00 PM	TWA
Tuesday	190 (55,100)	11:30 AM	SAS
Wednesday	380 (110,200) 132 (38,280)	11:30 AM 11:00 PM	SAS TWA
Thursday	140 (40,600)	8:45 AM	AAL
Friday	330 (95,700)	11:30 AM	SAS
Saturday	330 (95,700)	11:00 PM	TWA
Sunday	70 (20,300)	11:30 AM	SAS

Handwritten note: 10/29 = 107,280

Above figures for letters are higher than actual count, as letter class mail is also used to some extent for the sending of small packages but the percentage of packages in this class is small.

LA 65-6984

SAS flies by direct Polar Route from Los Angeles to Scandinavia. From 4/5/61 to 10/1/61, SAS operates on a summer schedule, with one flight leaving at 11:30 AM, six days a week, no flight on Wednesdays.

The mail for Scandinavia carried by Trans World Airlines and American Airlines is transferred at Idlewild, New York, but is in sealed pouches and not reworked at that point, merely transferred from one plane to another.

Mr. STODDARD also furnished figures for the total AMF dispatch for 4/4/61 broken down by major cities and countries throughout the world. This schedule is not being set out in this letter but is available in this file.

There is a constant flow of incoming mail at AMF, being heaviest from about 11:00 PM through the early morning hours. AMF starts "tying down" the mail an hour and a half before flight departure time. "Tying down" refers to the final assembly into the sealed pouches, separated as to destination. "Casing" of the mail (separating incoming mail as to destination) goes on constantly. AMF tries to deliver the sealed pouches to the air carriers thirty minutes prior to flight departure but often the delivery time is much closer to departure time.

It is recommended that at as early a date as practical, the Bureau contact postal headquarters regarding this program. When approval is received, this Office will certainly appreciate receiving suggestions from the New York Office concerning the operational details of the program.

For the time being, no further action is being taken concerning this program by the Los Angeles Office.

DIRECTOR, FBI

3/16/61

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-

PROPOSAL TO DETECT SOVIET
ILLEGAL AGENTS IN LOS ANGELES AREA
ESPIONAGE - R

OO: LA

Utilization of normal mail channels is a principal method through which Soviet illegals in the United States maintain contact with superiors abroad. Additionally, the Bureau has established that Soviet illegal operatives in this country have utilized a mail cutout resident in one of the Scandinavian countries. In one method, the illegal has written the city name only as a return address, as a means of escaping detection and as a means of noting to the recipient the origin of the mail.

For the Bureau's information, the Scandinavian Airlines originates flights from Los Angeles six times a week destined to Scandinavian countries and is contracted to carry international mail. Trans World Airlines has semi-weekly flights leaving Los Angeles for direct passage to Paris, France, over the Polar Route and is contracted to carry international mail.

Los Angeles is extremely interested in unearthing any West Coast illegal and particularly any illegal operation as outlined above. Consequently, this Office proposes that Bureau permission be granted so that a preliminary survey can be conducted with the end in view of determining the feasibility of establishing a proper contact with the U.S. Postal Inspectors in Los Angeles for the ultimate purpose of surveying mail destined to Scandinavian countries.

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It is felt that this program, which is in partial effect in the East, would be of direct benefit particularly in the Southern California area, which embraces a large segment of the national population. The Bureau's comments and suggestions regarding this proposal are respectfully solicited.

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-65884)

12/28/61

SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6984) (P)


SAM SURVEY
ESP - R

ReBulet 12/11/61 requesting comment as to desirability of having Legat Tokyo obtain the names of Soviet personnel assigned to the Trade Mission in Tokyo.

This Office does not consider it necessary to have Legat Tokyo obtain the names. Los Angeles will continue to watch for mail addressed to 12 Shinryudo-cho, Azabu, Minato-ku, Tokyo. If such mail is also addressed to the Soviet Trade Mission, to anyone with a Russian name, or for any other reason is suspect, that mail will be surveyed. A determination will then be made regarding further investigation of the correspondence.

For the Bureau's information it is being mentioned that a situation exists with Japanese mail which is peculiar to countries using different alphabets or writing. International postal regulations require only that the name of the city and country of destination be in the language of the country of origin and anything else on the envelope can be in any language desired. Therefore, a small percentage of the mail monitored has been found to have Tokyo, Japan, in English and the balance of the writing on the envelope in oriental characters. None of the personnel assigned to the survey at Los Angeles can read Japanese.

The Bureau is requested to furnish to the Los Angeles and Seattle Offices the names and addresses on the Japan Watch List written in Japanese characters. It would also be desirable to include a comment as to the most likely place this might be found in relation to the English part of the address. Perhaps the Translation Section could furnish sample copies.

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- 2- Bureau (REGISTERED)
 - 1- Boston (65-4447)(Info)(REGISTERED)
 - 1- New York (65-18045)(Info)(REGISTERED)
 - 1- Seattle (65-3663)(Info)(REGISTERED)
 - 1- Washington Field (65-8300)(Info)(REGISTERED)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (65-6984)

DATE: 1-3-62

FROM : Director, FBI (65-65884)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SUBJECT: SAM SURVEY
ESPIONAGE - R

Reurlet 12-7-61 asking for the names of the other persons or businesses at the address occupied by the Tass News Agency, Oslo, Norway.

CIA had advised that the occupants of Fougstadgate, Number 9, are the following:

Ground floor - Fougstadgate Borettslag A/L
(A firm, and owner of the building);

First floor - Tass;

Second floor - Knut Gard, dentist and "general secretary," and his wife, Liv Gard, also a dentist;

Third floor - Einar Isaksen, "official" (possibly a civil servant);

Fourth floor - Mrs. Alette Bolling, and her daughter, Alfchild.

The above is furnished for your information.

1 - Boston (65-4447)
1 - New York (65-18045)
1 - Seattle (65-3663)
1 - WFO (65-8300)

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to Sam. [signature]*

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Director, FBI (65-60894)

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ESPIONAGE - R

Reurlet 12-28-61 requesting that the Bureau furnish to the Los Angeles and Seattle Offices the names and addresses on the Japanese Watch List written in Japanese characters.

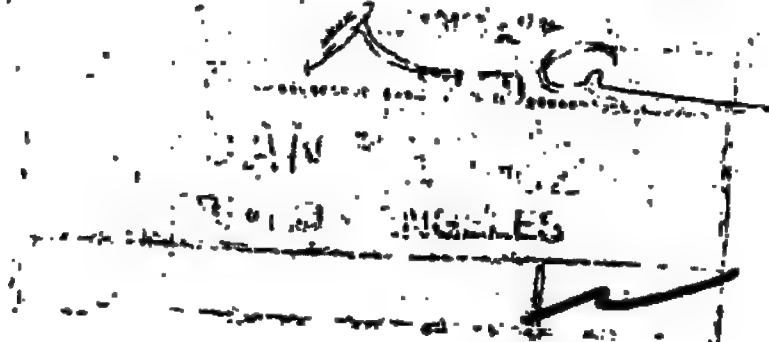
There is attached a Photostat of the Soviet establishments in Tokyo with the addresses written in the English language and with the Japanese characters for the address written directly above. A copy of this Photostat is also enclosed for SE.

For your additional information, the address written in Japanese characters would normally appear on the left side of the envelope. The words "Tokyo, Japan," would appear on the right side of the envelope slightly lower than the Japanese characters on the left side. Certain Japanese of higher educational level will write the address in English and then on the left side of the envelope will write the address again in Japanese characters.

The above is furnished for your information.
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1 - Boston (65-4447)
1 - New York (65-18045)
1 - Seattle (65-3663) (Encc)
1 - WFO (65-2390)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Boston

DATE 5/31/61

FROM : Director, FBI (65-65884)

SUBJECT: ~~SAM SURVEY~~
ESPIONAGE - R

The SAM Survey was instituted by the New York Office in December, 1959. It is a program by which airmail destined for certain European cities or countries is examined by Agents prior to its being placed in bags and placed aboard the planes. This examination is made for a twofold reason:

- (1) To identify persons corresponding with known Soviet mail drops in Europe
- (2) To identify and locate individuals in the United States sending letters to Europe which may be part of a Soviet illegal network.

The latter purpose is accomplished through the knowledge we have obtained that illegal agents use certain signs in their correspondence which can be detected from an examination of the envelope. In one case a common name and city are used as a return address on the letters. A street and a number are not used in this return address. In two other cases, it was noted that an illegal agent used the same type of return address. Other signs developed from investigations to date are:

- (1) The "rd" in 33rd would be underlined twice
- (2) The name and city but not the street of a return address would be underlined

2 - Chicago
2 - Detroit
2 - Houston
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- (3) The figure "1" written in brackets after the date would be a signal for the date of the meeting.

In addition, British intelligence has advised they also have noted signs such as the following:

- (1) An unusual form of the addressee's name such as including an extra initial
- (2) Addition of bogus initials after the addressee's name such as D. D. S.
- (3) Obvious misspelling of the name of a town or country on the envelope
- (4) The use of more stamps than necessary on a piece of correspondence.

Currently New York is handling this program on a 24-hour, 7-day week basis using eight Agents who process about a half-million pieces of mail per week. At the present time New York has varying degrees of coverage of airmail to the following areas: Finland, Amsterdam, Hungary, Stockholm, Oslo, Denmark, Geneva including Lausanne, Zurich, Bern, Berlin, Vienna, Brussels, Bucharest and Rome. This survey does not include airmail directed to the Soviet Union.

Each office receiving this letter has direct airmail flights from that city to various foreign countries and cities other than Canada and Mexico. Each office should make a discreet contact with local postal authorities to determine the details of the handling of this overseas airmail. During this contact the following details should be obtained:

- (1) To which city and country is this airmail dispatched directly from your city?
- (2) How many flights per day or per week go from your city to foreign countries?
- (3) What is the volume of mail per flight or per day or per week?

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- (4) Is the mail bagged and bundled in your city or does it arrive there from another city already bagged and bundled?

For example, it might be that overseas airmail deposited in Seattle is processed there, bagged and bundled and sent on to Los Angeles or San Francisco for eventual dispatch.

In connection with the conducting of this inquiry, a contact was made with the Chief Postal Inspector, Washington, D. C., and he was advised of our interest in determining details of direct airmail flights to countries other than Canada and Mexico and he was entirely agreeable to our conducting such an inquiry. He stated if any difficulties were encountered he would be glad to have them brought to his attention.

You should also determine the facilities used in your city for the handling of this mail and advise if these facilities could be used by Bureau Agents with full security in the event a monitoring program is established.

Also submit your evaluation as to whether a request could be made locally to permit Bureau Agents to institute a monitoring operation on this mail or if it would be necessary to make inquiry at headquarters level. However, no request for institution of a monitoring program should be made at this time and your evaluation should be based on your knowledge of the local postal authorities.

In the event a monitoring program is instituted, you will be furnished with specific information and details concerning the methods which are used to attempt to identify the particular items of interest in this mail. For your additional information, from the experience of the Bureau with this program to date only a small portion of mail examined will be of interest to the Bureau.

No requests or other action to institute this

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- * program should be made without furnishing the Bureau the results of your survey at which time a decision will then be made by the Bureau on an individual basis.

This inquiry should be handled promptly and the results submitted to the Bureau within 30 days from the receipt of this letter in each office.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-65884)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6984)

SAM SURVEY
ESPIONAGE - R

ReBulet 5/31/61. Reference is also made to Los Angeles letters dated 3/16/61, 4/10/61 and Bulet 3/24/61, all captioned "Proposal to Detect Soviet Illegal Agents in Los Angeles Area, ESP - R," and all of which deal with this same program.

Following answers will be in the order of the questions posed beginning on page 2 of reBulet:

- (1) Copenhagen, Denmark
Oslo, Norway
Stockholm, Sweden
(Above includes mail for other points in Scandinavia)
Paris, France
London, England
Rome, Italy
Milan, Italy
Tokyo, Japan
Osaka, Japan
Frankfurt, Germany
Berlin, Germany
Hamburg, Germany
Manila, P. I.
Auckland, N. Z.
Sydney, Australia
All principal cities and countries in Central and South America
- (2) In this reply only Scandinavia and Europe are considered; however, figures are available on all flights.

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1- New York (REGISTERED)(Info)
1- Los Angeles

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Scandinavia: 6 flights per week, none on Wednesday, SAS departs once daily at 11:30 a.m.

4 flights weekly, including Wednesday, TWA and AAL carry mail bagged and bundled Los Angeles to New York for transfer at NY for Scandinavia.

London: 4 flights per week. PAA.

Frankfurt, Berlin,
Hamburg: 4PAA flights per week.

Paris: 2 flights per week. TWA.

Rome: 2 flights per week. TWA.

Milan: 1 flight per week. TWA.

(3) Volume per week:

Scandinavia: LA to Copenhagen direct via
SAS - 250,000
LA to NY for transfer, via
TWA and AAL - 150,000
Total - 400,000

Paris: 30,000

London: 140,000

Rome: 175,000

Milan: 5,000

Frankfurt: 150,000

Berlin: 14,500

Hamburg 24,000

Above figures are for the week of 5/7-13/61,
based on poundage transported air mail class,
290 letters to the pound, and a small percentage

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deduction made to a lesser round figure because small packages also go in this class mail.

- (4) Mail is bagged and bundled at LA. Also LA is a collection and dispersal point for the Far Western States; therefore, some mail is also received bagged and bundled, but is re-bagged at LA.

Postal authorities state the Los Angeles Air Mail Facility - Foreign Unit is only exceeded in size by Idlewild, NY.

- (5) Facilities used could be used by Bureau Agents with full security in the event a monitoring program is established.
- (6) It is the opinion of this Office that a request could be made locally to permit Bureau Agents to institute a monitoring operation.

For the time being, no further action is being taken concerning this program by the Los Angeles Office.

An information copy has been furnished the New York Office as instructed in reBulet 3/24/61.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Boston

8/14/61

FROM : ✓ Director, FBI (65-65884)

PERSONAL ATTENTION ✓

SUBJECT: SAM SURVEY
ESPIONAGE - R

ReBulet 5/31/61 to Boston which requested all offices receiving the letter with the exception of New York to obtain details relative to the handling of direct overseas airmail in each city and to consider the possibility of establishing coverage of this mail.

The Bureau is gratified with results of this inquiry conducted by each office. The letters received at the Bureau show that each office has developed the required information fully and set out results in an intelligible fashion.

As a result of the surveys conducted, the Bureau desires the following four offices to take further steps to institute the SAM Survey Program covering the countries specified for each office:

11 Los Angeles

Copenhagen, Denmark;
Oslo, Norway; Stockholm,
Sweden; Frankfurt, Berlin,
Hamburg, Germany and Tokyo,
Japan

Seattle

Tokyo, Japan

Boston

Dusseldorf, Hamburg, Germany

- 1 - Chicago
- 1 - Detroit
- 1 - Houston
- ✓ 2 - Los Angeles
- 1 - Miami
- 1 - Newark
- 1 - New Orleans

- 1 - Philadelphia
- 2 - San Francisco
- 2 - Seattle
- 2 - WFO
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WFO

Austria; Belgium;
Denmark; Germany;
Netherlands; Norway;
Switzerland; Sweden.

It is noted that Seattle overseas mail, with the exception of that directed to Tokyo, Japan, is sent to Los Angeles for final bagging. Los Angeles should make arrangements to handle these items coming through from Seattle.

It is also noted that San Francisco indicated it was anxious to enter this program but expressed doubt that it could be done with security. San Francisco should continue to follow this matter closely and advise the Bureau in the event it is believed such a program may be instituted with security in that city.

Chicago advised that the facilities are not available at this time to conduct a secure operation. Chicago pointed out that new postal facilities were being constructed which might possibly provide the necessary facilities for a secure operation. Chicago should follow this construction to determine if and when such facilities may become available.

In the event any other office has any change from the facts reported which might permit the secure operations of this program, the Bureau should be so advised.

New York should prepare a letter for Los Angeles, Seattle, Boston, and WFO setting forth the details of the operation of SAM Survey in that office in order that these offices will have the benefit of the experience of that operation. All offices instituting this program are cautioned that the operation should be kept on a need-to-know basis in each office and when information is furnished to auxiliary offices coming from this source, those offices should be advised of the highly confidential nature of this information.

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When it is deemed advisable to conduct investigation of a specific individual, a separate case should be opened under the name of that individual, and leads should not be set forth to investigate an individual under the SAM Survey caption.

|| The offices instituting the program should advise the Bureau when this program begins to operate in the city covered by that office. The Bureau should also be advised of the extent of the coverage and if changes are made in the coverage afforded. ||

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-65884)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6984)

SAM SURVEY
ESP - R

ReBulets 5/31/61, 8/14/61; New York letter 8/29/61.

Interviews have been had with Mr. OTTO K. OLESEN, Postmaster, Los Angeles; Mr. LEWIS H. STODDARD, Assistant Inspector in Charge, Los Angeles, who is in charge of the local office of the Postal Inspector; and Mr. ALBERT STEAD, Superintendent, Air Mail Facility (AMF), Los Angeles International Airport. A high degree of interest in the program was evidenced and excellent cooperation has been received from all parties.

As mentioned in Los Angeles letter dated 4/10/61, the Foreign Unit of the AMF is presently located in temporary quarters about a mile from the airport. The AMF is attempting to take over space presently occupied by TWA at the airport for housing the Foreign Unit. TWA expects to move from the present space to a new passenger service terminal some time about November 1961. If AMF is successful in getting the TWA space, the Foreign Unit would probably remain at that location for at least a year or two until a proposed new AMF building is constructed.

Construction of the "Inspector's Room" for Bureau use will probably be completed at the present location during the week of 9/25/61 and the survey can start operating soon thereafter. The Bureau will be advised of the actual start of the survey. The survey will operate at the present location for about six weeks until the Christmas holiday rush makes continuance impractical. It is anticipated that during the time between mid-November 1961, and early January 1962, the Foreign Unit will move into the TWA space and a more permanent "Inspector's Room" will be included in the remodeling envisaged by the AMF. It is thought that operating the survey at the

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① Los Angeles

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present location for even a limited time is desirable not only because of the basic purpose of the survey but because the few weeks will afford valuable training to the personnel concerned.

Mr. OLESEN, Mr. STODDARD and Mr. STEAD are the only Post Office personnel who will be aware of the true identity of the Bureau personnel. Three of the Agents who will work the survey have been introduced to AMF foremen as Postal Inspectors by Mr. STEAD during discussions as to location and construction of the room to be initially used and it is thought the cover can be successfully maintained.

Specific reference is made to Bulet dated 5/31/61 and the mention therein of certain signs used in illegal agent correspondence which can be detected from an examination of the envelope. It will be appreciated if the New York Office will comment on these signs. Are there any details additional to those furnished in reBulet? Have any espionage messages been identified by these signs or have all been identified from the Watch List? What is the average volume of suspect messages requiring additional technical handling?

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Date: 9/28/61

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Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via RADIO URGENT
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6984)

SAM SURVEY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. REBULET AUGUST FOURTEEN LAST.
 SURVEY IN OPERATION EIGHT A.M. INSTANT DATE, SEVEN DAYS A
 WEEK, AROUND THE CLOCK COVERAGE ON THE FOLLOWING COLON
 COPENHAGEN, DENMARK; OSLO, NORWAY; STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN;
 FRANKFURT, BERLIN, HAMBURG, GERMANY; TOKYO, JAPAN, EIGHT
 AGENTS FULL TIME. FULL SECURITY ASSURED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (65-6989)

DATE: 10/9/61

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (65-65884)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SUBJECT: SAM SURVEY
ESPIONAGE - R

ReBulet 9/19/61.

There are attached for each office ten photographs of envelopes which have been selected by the New York Office as being the possible product of a Soviet illegal agent. In the case of the envelopes addressed to Edwin Bron and Ivar Teikko these have been identified as Soviet illegal agent mail. These envelopes pertain to a pending case of a highly sensitive nature. In view of this, these photographs should be handled accordingly in each office receiving same.

There is also attached one photograph each of envelopes number 43 and 45. These are specimens of incoming envelopes addressed to Soviet illegal agents.

The above photographs are enclosed for the information of the offices recently having instituted the Sam Survey Program. A set of these photographs is attached for the New York Office in order that it will be aware of the items which have been furnished to other field offices.

In view of the highly sensitive nature of this Program, all communications in the file captioned as above should be maintained under the most secure conditions. In addition, all information pertaining to this program should be handled on a need-to-know basis in each office.

Enclosures (12)

- 1 - Seattle (65-3663) (PERSONAL ATTENTION) (Enclosures 12)
- 1 - WFO (65-8300) (PERSONAL ATTENTION) (Enclosures 12)
- 1 - Boston (64-4447) (PERSONAL ATTENTION) (Enclosures 12)
- 1 - New York (65-18045) (PERSONAL ATTENTION) (Enclosures 12)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-65884)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6984)

SAM SURVEY
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to the watch list concerning Tokyo, Japan, and the address of TORGPREDSTVO No. 12 Shinryudo-cho, Azabu, Minato-ku, Tokyo.

During the two weeks that the Sam Survey has been in operation in the Los Angeles Office, about ten letters have been observed going to the above address, none of which were addressed to TORGPREDSTVO. It appears that this address is quite possibly that of a commercial building in Tokyo and that a number of other business concerns occupy space therein.

It is suggested that Legat, Tokyo, either physically observe the building directory at this address or through use of a city directory, obtain the names of all occupants of the building, in order that Offices serving Tokyo mail can eliminate mail directed to business concerns other than TORGPREDSTVO. Until such information is received from Legat, Tokyo, this Office will continue to survey all mail destined for the above address.

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2- Bureau (REGISTERED)

1- Boston (65-4447)(Info)(REGISTERED)

1- New York (65-18045)(Info)(REGISTERED)

1- Seattle (65-3663)(Info)(REGISTERED)

1- Washington Field (65-8300)(Info)(REGISTERED)

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DATE: 10/24/61

TO : SAC, Los Angeles (65-6984)

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (65-65884)

SUBJECT: SAM SURVEY
ESPIONAGE - R

Reurlet 10/11/61.

It has been determined that the word TORGPREDSTVO means "trade representative" and the functions of the office is similar of that of the Amtorg Trading Corporation.

11 For the information of the Legal Attache, Tokyo, there is attached one copy of relet. Legal Attache, Tokyo, should discreetly determine, if possible, the type of building located at the address set forth in relet and also if possible determine the identity of the other tenants if any occupying space in that building.

Due to the sensitive nature of the source of information this information should not be disseminated to any other U. S. or foreign agency.

- 1 - Boston (65-4447)
- 1 - New York (65-18045)
- 1 - Seattle (65-3663)
- 1 - WFO (65-8300)
- 2 - Tokyo (Enclosure)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-65884)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6984) (P)

SAM SURVEY
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Los Angeles letter 9/20/61; Los Angeles
radiogram 9/28/61.

The Survey will be temporarily discontinued at Los Angeles at 5:00 p.m. on 11/9/61. It is tentatively planned to resume the Survey at midnight on 1/7/62; however, the Bureau will be further advised as to the definite reinstitution of the Survey.

This temporary cessation of the Survey is caused first by the heavy volume of traffic because of Christmas time and, secondly, because the Foreign Unit of the Air Mail Facility at the Los Angeles International Airport is, within the next two weeks, moving from the present temporary location into a more or less permanent location at what was formerly the Trans World Airlines passenger terminal at the airport.

A more permanent type of space will be made available for our use at the new location.

To date, relations have been excellent with the Postal authorities involved and considerable valuable information and training has resulted from this preliminary operation of the Survey.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-65884)

12/19/61

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SAC SURVEY
ESP - R

Re Los Angeles letter 11/8/61.

Relet advised of the probable move of the site of the survey during the temporary cessation.

The Air Mail Facility (AMF) has now completed the move to the former TWA space at the Los Angeles International Airport and a permanent type of room has been allocated for our use insuring even better privacy and security.

There is no free public parking at the airport. AMF personnel park their cars at a particular parking lot operated by the airport. The cost is \$4.00 per month per car and a windshield sticker is issued after payment each month.

In the interest of protecting our cover it is planned to have SAs working the survey use their own cars or two older FBI non-radio cars. These latter cars do not have registration certificates or any other FBI identification visible.

UACB the \$4.00 per month parking fees will be paid in cash and recovered from the Office imprest fund.

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Via _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6984)

SAM SURVEY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. RE LOS ANGELES LETTER TO BUREAU
NOVEMBER EIGHT LAST AND BULET TO LOS ANGELES AUGUST FOURTEEN
LAST. SURVEY IN OPERATION TWELVE ZERO ONE A.M. JANUARY
SEVEN LAST, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, ROUND THE CLOCK COVERAGE ON
THE FOLLOWING COLON COPENHAGEN, DENMARK; OSLO, NORWAY;
STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN; FRANKFURT, BERLIN, HAMBURG, GERMANY; TOKYO,
JAPAN. SIX AGENTS FULL TIME. FULL SECURITY ASSURED..

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-65884)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6984)

SAM SURVEY
ESP - R

The purpose of this letter is to request permission to add Mexico City, D.F., Mexico, air mail to the Survey at Los Angeles.

Reference will be made to the following cases: TORO (Bufile 65-63142), LAROB (Bufile 105-46154), OXBLOOD (Bufile 105-70109) and GORDON WILLIAM GROVES (Bufile 100-421783). As the Bureau is aware, these cases have involved Soviet espionage against targets in Southern California and directed from the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City.

In the TORO Case upon instruction from the Soviet principal there was an exchange of letters and post cards between the Soviet and SD 852-S in 1955, 1956 and 1957. Some of this mail originated in Mexico but in 1956 the informant directed a letter to his principal from San Diego, California. In 1957 the informant sent a post card to his principal in Mexico City from Arizona.

In the LAROB Case in 1957 the Soviet principal asked MEX 87 to act as a mail drop for him and furnished the informant with certain indicators to denote the mail was to be handed on without opening to the Soviet. Subsequently in 1959 MEX 87's brother, LA 4199-S, also agreed to act as a mail drop to forward to Mexico City any mail received which bore the indicators. In 1958 the Soviet asked for the address of the mother-in-law of MEX 87 in Mexico City and this was actually used by the Soviet. While it is true the known mail received in this case on behalf of the Soviet principal in Mexico City has originated in Mexico, there are two items to consider. LA 4199-S resides in Los Angeles and has agreed to act as a mail drop between the United States and Mexico City upon specific request of the Soviet, even though such service has not as yet been performed. In 1957 the Soviet asked MEX 87 for some letters from his friends without giving the informant an explanation. MEX 87 thought the Soviet wanted the return addresses for later use. The informant turned over five letters to his principal and all had United States return addresses.

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In the OXBLOOD Case in 1958 and 1959 the Soviet principal gave letters to the informant to mail from Los Angeles and Chicago, Illinois, to GORDON WILLIAM GROVES in La Jolla, California. The Soviet later indicated that GROVES had received the letters. GROVES moved to Mexico City but has recently returned to La Jolla. Very recent developments indicate he will become of interest in this case again. It is true the two letters in this case were intra-United States mail but GROVES apparently had some means of communication with the Soviet in Mexico City. The GROVES letter was chamfer-trapped.

Above instances indicate the Soviets have for several years considered the use of air mail as a means of communication between the United States and Mexico City.

This Office is of the opinion the best chance of accomplishing the basic purpose of this Survey lies in our developing our own cases through a careful search for indicators. We are not relying solely on the Watch List addresses which have resulted from the excellent job done by the New York Office. We consider the Watch List of concurrent but lesser interest than the search for indicators.

While it is historically true the Soviets have used the same mail drops for mail transmitted from various parts of the world it is not inconceivable the Soviets would use drops for agents on the East Coast of the United States different from drops used by agents on the West Coast. Certainly we know of the current importance of the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City as the center of direction of efforts against the Western Hemisphere.

The Los Angeles Air Mail Facility is a collection point for air mail which has been mailed in the Far Western States destined for Mexico City. Los Angeles has a Mexican population greater than any city in Mexico except Mexico City itself. Therefore, the volume of Mexico City mail is considerable but it is anticipated it would be handled by present manpower. Postal authorities estimate the volume as averaging about 10,000 letters per day. They state there is a fairly constant flow of Mexico City mail and the departing flight schedule indicates the majority of the mail is dispatched during Tour 2 (the day shift), which is the lightest tour as far as European mail is concerned. In other words, we will be adding volume but most of it will be added to our lightest tour.

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Following is the flight schedule and volume figures taken from the week of 1/14-20/62:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Departs</u>	<u>Routing</u>	<u>Volume</u>
*Sunday	1135 1215 2045	WAL 601 CMA 901 WAL 791	4,332
Monday	1135 1215	WAL 601 CMA 901	1,833
Tuesday	1135 1215	WAL 601 CMA 901	13,162
Wednesday	1135 1215	WAL 601 CMA 901	12,079
Thursday	1135 1215	WAL 601 CMA 901	12,662
*Friday	1135 1215 2045	WAL 601 CMA 901 WAL 791	13,412
*Saturday	1135 1215 2045	WAL 601 CMA 901 WAL 791	10,663
			<u>68,143</u>

Considerably more mail is handled by WAL than CMA.

* On these days San Diego makes up and dispatches Mexico City mail direct via WAL 791; the balance of the week San Diego mail is dispatched via Los Angeles AMF. This means that on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, San Diego mail arrives at Los Angeles AMF pouched, sealed and ready to be placed aboard the plane. We do not plan to handle this mail.

Should the Bureau approve this request, a Mexico City Watch List will be prepared composed of the following:

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- (1) Soviet official establishment addresses
- (2) Names and residence addresses of Soviet official personnel
- (3) Names, residence and business addresses of OXBLOOD and MEX 87, including latter's mother-in-law
- (4) Name and address of Mrs. GORDON WILLIAM GROVES if she is still in Mexico City
- (5) Name and address of GORDON WILLIAM GROVES in La Jolla looking for anything sent by him
- (6) Name and address of LA 4199-S in Los Angeles looking for anything sent by him that we are not already aware of.

An extra copy of this letter is being furnished for transmittal to Legat, Mexico City, in event of approval. Legat, Mexico City, is requested to furnish the information in above items 1 and 2 in the event more current or complete information is available than that furnished in the most recent report on SODAC, Mexico City.

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-65884)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6984)

SAM SURVEY
ESP - R

ReBulet 2/13/62.

The Los Angeles Sam Survey started 9/28/61 at a location removed from the airport as the Foreign Unit, Air Mail Facility (AMF) was in temporary quarters awaiting the move of passenger operations to the new Los Angeles International Airport.

Mail covered was that destined for Copenhagen, Denmark; Oslo, Norway; Stockholm, Sweden; Frankfurt, Berlin, Hamburg, Germany; Tokyo, Japan.


This same coverage has remained in effect throughout the survey and on 2/25/62 Mexico City, Mexico, was added to the coverage.

The survey has always operated seven days a week around the clock.

Originally eight men were assigned full time. From 10/15/61 to 11/9/61 seven men were assigned full time. The Survey was discontinued from 11/9/61 to 1/7/62 because of the holiday confusion and also because of the moving of the Foreign Unit AMF to its new and present location. At both the old and present location separate, secure space has been provided for our exclusive use. Since 1/7/62 six Agents have been assigned full time.

In regard to volume, it will be recalled that in Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 4/10/61 and captioned "Proposal to Detect Soviet Illegal Agents in Los Angeles Area, ESP-R, it was correctly reported that Postal Inspector L. H. STODDARD stated there were 290 air mail letters to the pound. However, during discussions with AMF Superintendent ALBERT STEAD at the

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time the Mexico City situation was being analyzed, STEAD stated he figures 86 air mail letters to the pound, that the figure STODDARD had in mind relates to one foot of loose domestic mail. Tests indicate STEAD's figure is undoubtedly more realistic than the figure furnished by STODDARD and will be used hereafter as the yardstick. STEAD further remarked he figures 306 letters to the foot of loose foreign air mail; however, the Survey handles only tied mail and volume figures have been derived from poundage figures.

Until the addition of Mexico City mail the volume was 150,000 items per week. Mexico City mail has added 70,000 items per week for a current rate of 220,000 per week. AMF foremen state Mexico City mail doubles in volume during the summer because of the influx of tourists and agricultural workers during that time, and that all foreign air mail increases during the summer. Air mail, domestic and foreign combined, at the Los Angeles AMF increased 32.7 per cent in 1961 over 1960 and is expected to continue to increase.

The Survey is vitally interested in getting as complete and thorough coverage as possible of the pertinent and available mail, with due consideration being given at all times to the manpower involved.

Thirty-five cases have been opened as a result of the Survey. Two are presently pending. One of these, Unsub, aka Tante MINNIE, Aunt MINNIE, ESP - R, is at this time thought to have real merit as it involves an innocuous message, no return address, and was directed to a Soviet espionage mail drop in Germany as furnished by CIA.

This program is being constantly evaluated and volume checks made from time to time.

In view of the strong possibility of positive results in identifying Soviet illegal agents in this area in connection with the above mentioned case, it is recommended that this program be continued for at least an additional six-month period.

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-65884)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6984)

SAM SURVEY
ESP - R

Re LA let 1/30/62; Legat, Mexico City lets 3/15/62
and 4/26/62.

This is to advise Legat, Mexico City, that the Los Angeles Office is interested in the addresses of all Soviet official establishments such as Tass, Soviet Trade Representation and Sovexportfilm. In this connection it is being mentioned that on 4/27/62 the Survey made available an SAS forwarding advice memo concerning the shipment of two cases of film from Moscow destined for Mexico City via WAL. This memo, on SAS letterhead stationery, was addressed to:

"Sovexportfilm General Leon
32 Columna Tacubaya
Mexico D. F., Mexico"

It is assumed the address would more properly be:

Sovexportfilm
General Leon 32
Colonia Tacubaya
Mexico D.F., Mexico

An extra copy of this letter is being furnished for referral for information to Legat, Mexico City, file 65-505.

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SAM SURVEY
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Re LA let 3/30/62.

The purpose of this letter is to report on progress during the past six months.

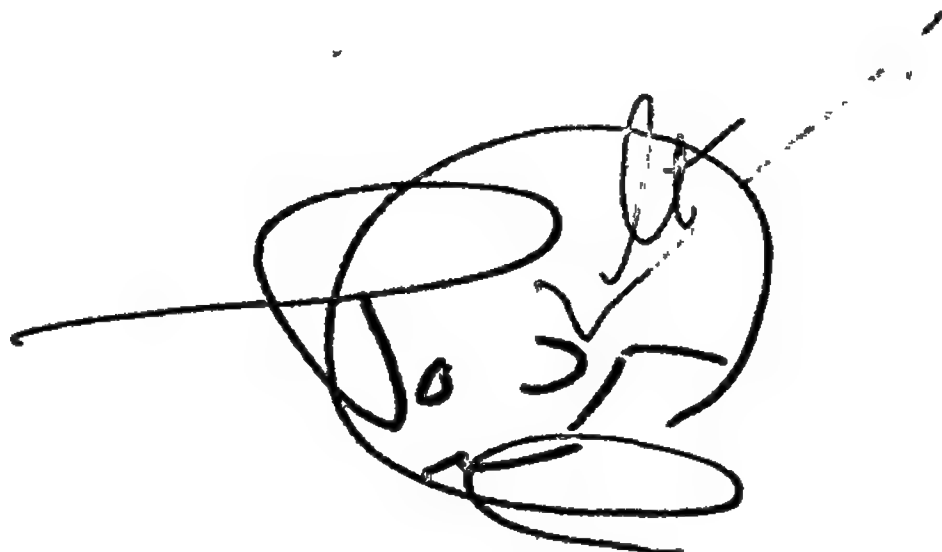
The volume of mail has increased, particularly during the past four months. Total weekly volume is 250,000 items reviewed.

Same coverage as to countries remains in effect. Survey continues to operate seven days a week, around the clock, with six Agents assigned full time.

Present plans are to terminate the Survey on Saturday, 11/17/62 and resume again in January 1963, after the Christmas rush in Postal activity. Bureau will be advised later of definite termination and resumption.

It is recommended that this Survey continue. This Office has reviewed several items going to addresses on the Watch List and currently is following several matters as yet unresolved. It is expected that positive results will eventually result from this program.

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SAM SURVEY
ESP - R

Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau 9/5/62 captioned
"Dr. FRANZ FROELICH, aka, ESP - PO & R" (Bufile 105-104492)
requesting Los Angeles Office to include, if possible, coverage
by its Sam Survey the addresses:

Sra Dr. LUZMIRA DE MIGUEL
Huerfanos 1049
Santiago De Chile

Sra GIOVANNA DE SAEATINI
Piedras 160
Buenos Aires, Argentina

These addresses have been added to the Sam Survey
Watch List and coverage has been instituted, as the Survey is
capable of handling the additional traffic amounting to about
7,000 letters a week.

The San Francisco Office is requested, if possible,
to furnish Los Angeles with suitable handwriting specimens
for FRANZ FROELICH to be used as an additional aid in identifying
mail being transmitted by FROELICH.

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 - 1 - 105-104492 (Dr. FRANZ FROELICH)
- 2- San Francisco (REGISTERED)
 - 1 - 65-5598 (Dr. FRANZ FROELICH)
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ReNYlet 7/13/61 which requested that the Bureau obtain a list of the street addresses of Soviet establishments in various European countries. It was pointed out these addresses could be used by the source in SAN Survey to determine if anyone in the United States was directing correspondence to that address without including in the address the fact that it was a Soviet establishment.

There is attached for the information of each office one Photostat each of a list of official Soviet installations in Western Europe prepared by CIA. These addresses should be called to the attention of your source for the purpose stated above. For the information of Seattle which covers only items coming to Tokyo, Japan, an effort will be made to obtain the addresses of the Soviet establishments in that city.

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SAM SURVEY
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Los Angeles airtel 11/15/62 and Bulet 11/23/62.

While the Espionage Squad of this office continues its heavy responsibility mentioned in referenced airtel, it is recommended the SAM SURVEY be reinstituted. This recommendation is influenced by belief in the value of this program in connection with the major problems of identifying Soviet illegal Agents.

The Bureau is requested to consider recontacting CIA to determine if there are any additional foreign accommodation addresses which could be added to the current watch list. It is proposed to give around the clock coverage five days a week, Tuesday through Saturday with five Agents devoting full time to this assignment. Sunday and Mondays are the two lightest volume days. The volume decrease in coverage will be approximately 16 per cent and the decrease of the survey crew from six to five men will effect about the same percentage change in man power. The efficiency of the new proposed coverage will be evaluated by 4/15/63 and the Bureau, New York and WFO so advised.

UACB SAM SURVEY will resume on Tuesday, 2/5/63 and the nationality coverage will be the same as before namely:

Mexico City, D.F., Mexico
Tokyo, Japan
Copenhagen, Denmark
Oslo, Norway
Stockholm, Sweden
Frankfurt, Berlin
Hamburg, Germany

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile-

) DATE: 8/7/62

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-7236)

Attention:

SUBJECT: VICTOR JAMES KORDELL
ESP - R

☒ Domestic Intelligence Division

☐ Investigative Division

MARGARET KORDELL
ESP - R

Name: VICTOR JAMES KORDELL, MARGARET KORDELL

Address: 4055 Center Street, Baldwin Park, California

Type of Mail: All mail and parcels

Type of Cover: Addressee, return addresses & postmarks

Period Covered: Thirty days

Purpose of Cover: Determine correspondents of subjects.

Justification: (Comment on necessity, desirability, productivity, possibility of embarrassment to Bureau.
If necessary continue on extra page.)

On 7/26/62 when BORIS YASHIN and ALEXEI CHIZHOV, Naval Attache and Secretary to the Naval Attache, respectively, Embassy, USSR, Washington, D.C., were in Los Angeles, circumstances suggested a possible covert contact by KORDELLS and the Soviets. A discreet investigation is being conducted to determine contacts and activities of the KORDELLS. A mail cover would aid materially in determining contacts, employment and financial data of KORDELLS. It has been established through an established source that KORDELLS receive mail at the above address; therefore, it is believed this cover would be productive. There is no indication that this would result in embarrassment to the Bureau.

If authorized:

☐ FD-115 will be directed to Postmaster:

(name) _____

(address) _____

☒ FD-115a will be directed to Postal Inspector: (name) Mr. J.G. Hudson, Assistant

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(address) Inspector in Charge, P.O.

Box 751, LA 53, Calif.

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RE:

VICTOR JAMES KORDELL
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MARGARET KORDELL
ESP - R.

☐ For information ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____.

Remarks:

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-67719)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-7236)
RE: VICTOR JAMES KORDELL, aka Victor James Cordell
ESP - R
MARGARET KORDELL, aka Margaret Cordell
ESP - R

Re Los Angeles airtel 10/2/62.

In view of the circumstances upon which this matter is predicated, the peculiar habits of the KORDELLS as set out in referenced airtel and the volume of mail received, with particular attention directed to the two letters postmarked in New York on 9/6/62, Los Angeles requests Bureau authority to contact the Postal Inspector at Los Angeles. This contact is desired to make necessary arrangements with the Post Office Inspector to conduct a Gus and Sam type survey on KORDELLS' correspondence.

If Bureau authority is received, Los Angeles will immediately attempt through Postal Inspector's Office to make adequate secure arrangements for such coverage.

Los Angeles will continue to maintain contact with Mrs. BEANE and attempt to complete a survey of the residence and neighborhood to determine the feasibility of establishing an anonymous source at the residence. The Bureau will be kept advised concerning this.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-7236)(P)

DATE: 11/26/62

FROM : SA EWING G. LAYHEW

SUBJECT: VICTOR JAMES KORDELL
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MARGARET KORDELL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau dated 10/2/62,
and memo of the writer dated 10/3/62.

An anonymous source was established on 10/31/62.
The contact was relatively brief. Another contact is
anticipated soon to obtain more information known to the
source.

A Gus survey was instituted on 10/26/62. This
is continued on a daily basis. Liaison continues to be
maintained with the neighborhood source.

To date no pertinent information has been developed
which will substantiate the suspicion that they are
engaged in espionage.

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TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-7236)(P)

DATE: 12/12/62

FROM : SA CHARLES J. NAGLE, JR.

SUBJECT: VICTOR JAMES KORDELL;
MARGARET KORDELL
ESP - R

The following is submitted for information purposes only. No action is desired; however, it may be of possible interest to a reviewing agent at some later date.

A "Gus Survey" was conducted on the above two individuals at the Baldwin Park, California Post Office from Friday, 10/26/62, through Monday, 12/10/62.

The writer was accompanied by SA STANLEY E. COUPE on this survey. From time to time SA's FRANK E. CHOVANEC, RICHARD L. CROMWELL, and HARRY H. WHIDBEE also assisted in this survey. A survey was not conducted on 11/12/62 or 11/22/62 as both of these days were holidays.

The survey was in actual operation a total of 34 work days and the following points of interest are set forth:

1. The KORDELLs receive an above average amount of mail. Most of it comes from the East Coast of the United States and most of it is handwritten.

2. At no time during this survey did they receive any bills, that is, to say no bills for utilities or from charge accounts at department stores.

3. It is also to be noted that they did not receive any advertising literature through the mail.

LEONARD V. LIVINGSTON is the Postmaster at the Baldwin Park Post Office and LLOYD TROONAS is the Assistant Postmaster.

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